improve power generation and power availability in the country. The State Electricity Boards are given assistance in getting timely i,nd adequate supply of inputs like coal, oil etc. and are also being assisted in expediting supply of equipment and spare parts from various manufacturers. Depending upon the power availability in the various States, assLianco is also arranged from power surplus States to power deficit States. Howcvei, there is at present no proposal to call a meeting of all the State Electricity Boards.

Shortage of Powed in the Country

2591. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister" of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state-.

(a! what are the States which are in acute shortage of power and their approximate shortage per year;

(b) whether their requirements have keen assessed by the Central Government;

(c) whether these shortages are due to non-implementation of projects which are pending with the Central Government for clearance;

(d) whether any of the projects are pending for clearance by the Planning Commission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Statewise actual power supply position in the country during the period 1984-85, and April-July, 1985 is given in Annexure I. *[See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 54]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not correct to say that the power shortages are due t,0 non-clearance of the piojects by the Cetral Government. In fact, all the generation projects which are likely to give benefits in 7th Plan period or even early part of eighth plan bave already been cleared by Central Electricity Authority and approved by the Government of India for execution.

(d) and (c) 57 Nos. of new thermal and ihydel projects with an aggregate capacity of 121:."*$ MW have been accorded techno-economic approval by CEA but these are being processed for investment decision by the Planning Commission/inclusion *m* the Plan. The details of these sch are given in Annexure-II. *[See* Appendix CXXXV Annexure No. 55].

Advisory Board on Energy

2592. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI;

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Board on Energy has recently submitted its assess ment of requirement of energy in the year 2000;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the assessment;

(c) whether the forecast o£ energy demand and supply for the nest fifteen years *bvs* been assessed by the Board;

(d) whether the Advisory Board has cautiored about heavy deficit in the oil sector; and

(e) jf so, wfoat are the measureds pro-posed tu meet the energy demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) The Advisory Board on Energy has prepared ,i Report entitled 'Towards a Perspective on Energy Demand and Supply ia India in 2004-05". The Report projects the demand for energy in various sectors of the economy in the year 2004-05 under alternative assumptions regarding population size and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, as also the supply options now available to meet the said level ;>f demand of energy in 2004-05.

(d) and (e) The Report indicates that the deficit in respct of availability of oil